

# Commissioner killed in Bauchi auto crash buried

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**B**auchi State Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Ahmed Aliyu Jalam, popularly known as Maikankana, who died after a ghastly motor accident along Misau - Darazo highway on Saturday, was buried yesterday in his home town, Jalam, Dambam Local Government Area according to Islamic rites.

Thousands of sympathisers including Bauchi State governor, Bala Mohammed, his deputy, Auwal Mohammed Jatau, Senator representing Bauchi Central Abdul Ahmed Ningi, senior government officials and

traditional rulers attended the funeral prayer at the Jalam Central Mosque. In the early hours of yesterday, hundreds of people from Jalam and neighbouring towns and cities across Bauchi thronged to the town waiting for the arrival of his corpse to pay their last respect and attend the funeral led by the Chief Imam of Jalam.

Meanwhile, Bauchi State governor has described his tragic death as monumental loss not only to his family but the state and country in general.

The governor, in a statement signed by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mukhtar Gidado, said the deceased was a

dedicated public servant, whose commitment to the development and well-being of his local communities was unwavering.

Mohammed said he championed numerous initiatives aimed at improving good governance and community relations during his lifetime.

"Late Ahmed Jalam was known for his tireless work, integrity, and compassion for the people he served and his service will be remembered and cherished by all. His demise is deeply felt by His Excellency, Governor Bala Mohammed, his cabinet colleagues, friends, family, and the countless individuals whose lives he touched



■ Funeral prayers for Bauchi State Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Ahmed Aliyu Jalam in Jalam town, Bauchi State yesterday

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during his lifetime," the statement added.

The governor extended his deepest condolences to the members of his

immediate family and the entire people of the state and prayed that the Almighty Allah would forgive his shortcomings

and grant him Aljanna Firdaus.

The late commissioner is survived by wives and many children.